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government and I think it is time that we change that. And, finally, I think it is important to the Lieutenant Governor that this question be resolved. I have seen in the past with other Lieutenant Governors that they feel that the question is so unclear. They feel that they are half legislative, half executive branch. They are not (interruption).

SENATOR KAHLE PRESIDING

SENATOR KAHLE: About one minute.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. But the problem is that they think they are part of the legislative branch as presiding officer but they are also supposed to be the Governor, and they are never quite sure, and they are kind of left behind as a result. And my feeling is and I think Lieutenant Governor Luedtke and others, Lieutenant Governors, Lieutenant Governor Marsh have supported this change because they recognized that when these changes occurred in terms of how a Lieutenant Governor was elected, this change should have occurred as well, and, thus, we have a team running. It should be part of the executive branch and not part executive branch, part legislative branch. I ask your support for the resolution.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, so that this won't be a partisan issue, I would like to join my friend Senator Wesely, kind of make up for what I did to him yesterday. As it is we are supposed to have three separate forms of government in the State of Nebraska, the administrative, the judicial, and the legislative. When the Lieutenant Governor's Office is tied to the legislative branch, we do not have three separate branches of government and, therefore, I wholeheartedly support the constitutional amendment, LR 4, to have the three separate branches and to have this body presided over by a member who is elected from this body. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Rupp.